

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new paragraph on Page 1, above line 1:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 103 29 200.4 filed June 28, 2003. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §365 of PCT/DE2004/001259 filed June 17, 2004. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Such a filter is known from ~~European Patent EP1113163A2~~ United States Patent US5861050A. Similar filter designs are disclosed in United States Patents ~~US2002/0176857A1~~ US2002/0174857, US2001/0020418A1 and ~~US5861050A~~, EP 1 113 163 A2 and Japanese Patents JP63-246462 A and JP10-339218A.--